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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**AUTHORIZE THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY TO ACCEPT SIXTH YEAR GRANT FUNDS
FROM THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES (OES)
FOR THE ELDER ABUSE ADVOCACY AND OUTREACH PROGRAM (EAAOP)
FOR FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2005-06 ALL DISTRICTS (3 VOTES)**

IT IS RECOMMEND THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Authorize the District Attorney, on behalf of the County of Los Angeles, to accept grant award funding for EAAOP from OES in the amount of \$180,000, with a required 25 percent match of \$45,000 for at total program cost of \$225,000. The grant period is October 1, 2005 to September 30, 2006.
2. Authorize the District Attorney or his designee, on behalf of the County of Los Angeles, to serve as Project Director and to sign and approve revisions to the Grant Award Agreement that do not affect the net County cost of the program.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Los Angeles County is home to the largest population of seniors (individuals 65 years of age or older) in the nation. As this population has grown, so have the reported incidents of elder physical and financial abuse. The most common forms of reported elder abuse within the county are: neglect, mental abuse, financial, and physical abuse. The EAAOP was developed to enhance and improve services to seniors who are the victims of physical and financial abuse in Los Angeles County.

The delay in requesting authorization for grant acceptance is due to OES's late notification of the 2005-06 grant award, which was received by the department on February 7, 2006.

Board approval is required to accept these grant funds.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This program is part of the District Attorney's commitment to assisting underserved victims of crime by alleviating trauma and devastating effects of crime on the lives of victims and their families. Acceptance of the grant award supports the County's Strategic Plan Goal No. 4, Fiscal Responsibility by securing an available revenue source at the State and federal level.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Funding for this program is included in the department's 2005-06 budget. Grant funds were awarded for the EAAOP in the amount of \$180,000 with a required match of \$45,000, for the period of October 1, 2005 to September 30, 2006. Total Program costs include funding for 4.0 fulltime staff and 1.0 part-time staff and are expected to be fully offset by the grant award except for the required match of \$45,000 which will be absorbed by the department.

If funding for this program were terminated, an evaluation would be conducted to determine whether the program would either be continued with costs absorbed by the department, or discontinued with the reallocation of staff to vacant budgeted positions.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The Department of Adult Protective Services reported that in FY 2004-05, social workers handled 7,200 confirmed cases of abuse and neglect of the elderly. The EAAOP works with medical personnel, care-givers, service providers and law enforcement to identify the symptoms of physical abuse and provide services to elders and care-givers to prevent such abuse.

As indicated below, the EAAOP exceeded goals established for the 2004-05 grant period:

<u>Objective</u>	<u>Projected Number</u>	<u>Actual Number</u>
Identify new elder abuse victims/cases	650	873
Victim referrals to other agencies	275	539
Service provider awareness training	20	18
Number of attendees	100	601
Victim Awareness Presentations	35	43
Number of attendees	200	3,728

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In the first three months of this grant (October 2005 – December 2005), 175 new elder abuse victims/cases have been identified, 113 victim referrals have been made, 4 service provider training sessions were conducted for 21 attendees, and 12 victim awareness presentations were conducted for 2,733 attendees.


IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

This program does not propose attorney staff augmentation. Therefore, the District Attorney's Office is not subject to the Board Motion of December 15, 1998, requiring clearance with the Alternate Public Defender, Probation, Public Defender, and Sheriff's Departments.

CONCLUSION

Following Board authorization to accept the grant award for the program, the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board is requested to return two copies of the adopted Board letter to Patricia Orozco, Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, Contracts and Grants Unit, 201 North Figueroa Street, Suite 1300, Los Angeles, California 90012. Any questions may be directed to Ms. Orozco at (213) 202-7651.

Very truly yours,


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